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Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2001. Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response three months, up to, and including, February 28, 2002, along with the necessary fee. Please charge any additional fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith to Deposit Account No. 16-0085.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification

On page 1, after "Obesity Gene" please insert the following section:

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Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 to International Application serial number PCT/GB99/02658, filed August 12, 1999, which claims priority to application serial number GB9910522.3, filed May 6, 1999, and GB9817566.4, filed August 12, 1998, all of which are incorporated herein in their entirety.

On page 11, please delete the paragraph extending from lines 29-34 and insert the